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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution commending Kent Buescher for his unwavering
3 dedication to revitalizing Cypress Gardens Adventure Park,
4 Florida's oldest theme park.

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6 WHEREAS, Cypress Gardens Adventure Park was Florida's first
7 theme park and helped establish the state as a modern-day
8 vacation destination, with such attractions as water ski shows,
9 botanical gardens, and Southern Belles in hoop skirts, and

10 WHEREAS, Cypress Gardens was enjoyed by millions of
11 visitors for 68 years until its doors closed on April 13, 2003,
12 resulting in the loss of more than 500 jobs, and

13 WHEREAS, at a time when the future of Cypress Gardens was
14 uncertain, entrepreneur Kent Buescher spent millions of dollars
15 to purchase the theme park with the intention of returning it to
16 its former glory as well as providing additional attractions
17 that would appeal to today's youth and families, and

18 WHEREAS, the reopening of Cypress Gardens was delayed when
19 Hurricane Charley damaged buildings, vendor booths, and foot
20 bridges and destroyed flowers and trees at the park, and

21 WHEREAS, this setback did not deter Kent Buescher from his
22 dream: a Cypress Gardens that includes four roller coasters, two
23 water rides, seven thrill rides, twelve family rides, and eleven
24 children's rides, and

25 WHEREAS, the tireless work and devotion of Kent Buescher
26 led to the reopening of the newly renovated Cypress Gardens
27 Adventure Park, offering family entertainment unlike that of any

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28 other theme park as well as providing jobs and economic
29 opportunities for surrounding communities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
32 Florida:

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34 That Kent Buescher is commended for his astounding efforts
35 to revitalize Cypress Gardens Adventure Park, a national
36 landmark.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be
38 presented to Kent Buescher as a tangible token of the sentiments
39 expressed herein.